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A man enters scene, picks up one of
the books, and holds it in his hand.
Lap dissolve to back of book, closeup.
Hand turns back to front cover, which
reads:

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The Persons in the Picture

Sam Adams.....J. Moy Bennett
John Hancock.....Warner Richmond
General Thomas Gage.....Edward F. Finley
Major John Pitcairn.....H. P. Woodley
Earl Percy.....Wilfrid J. Donovan
Lieutenant Colonel Smith..Lee Beggs
William Dawes, Jr.....Lew Johnson
Paul Revere... ..Brian Donlevy
Captain John Parker.....Henry Van Bousen
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Facing the debt incurred in the French
and Indian War, the English Parliament,
in 1765, levied upon the American
Colonies a Stamp Tax which aroused
violent opposition - especially in
Boston.

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- 8.(15) August 14, 1765 - Boston enjoys the hanging in effigy of Andrew Oliver, Stamp Tax Collector of the Port, and Lord Bute ("Boot") the late Prime Minister of Britain.
- 9.(7) John Hancock, one of the richest of Boston's younger merchants.
- 10.(13) Sam Adams, whom the Royal Governor Hutchinson called "The Great Incendiary in whose hands all other men are puppets."
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- 11.(8) "It will take more than this to teach the King that America will not submit to injustice."
- 12.(8) "If they insist on this Stamp Act, I will sell my stock in trade and close my warehouse doors."
- 13.(16) (Fade in)
Constant bickering between citizens and British soldiers quartered in Boston after October 1768, culminated in the "Boston Massacre," March 5, 1770.
(Fade out)
- 14.(3) "Lobster Back! Lobster Back!"
- 15.(8) Disappointed in the expected fight, three other boys plan to rouse the town.
- 16.(4) "There he is -- the man who tried to kill me."
- 17.(3) "Kill the Lobster Back!"
- 18.(3) "Don't fire!"
- 19.(3) "If they touch me, I fire!"
- 20.(16) (Fade in)
Next day a mass meeting in the South Meeting House forces Governor Hutchinson to remove the troops. Two soldiers were later convicted of manslaughter.
(Interpose to)
- 21.(21) Four years later, taxes had been removed from all commodities except tea. But the colonists, denying Britain's right to tax them at all, would not permit the cargoes of the tea ships to be landed.
(Fade out)
- 22.(4) Colonial sentinels watch the tea ships.
- 23.(8) "These 'Indians' are resolved to find out how tea mixes with salt water."

- 24.(11) (Fade in)
Three hours later, tea worth £16,000 had been
emptied into Boston Harbor.
(Fade out)
- 25.(15) (Fade in)
In retaliation, the King sent General Gage with
additional regiments to govern Boston, closed
the port and removed the seat of government to
Salem.
(Interpose to)
- 26.(3) There, 1774, the Assembly met to consider co-
operation with other colonies to resist oppression
from overseas.
- 27.(15) "I have just been promised the last vote necessary
for a majority in favor of appointing delegates to
the proposed Colonial Congress."
- 28.(6) "Until I give permission that door is not to be
opened."
- 29.(11) THE EVE OF THE REVOLUTION
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- 30.(10) THE EVE OF THE REVOLUTION
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- 31.(12) "I move that five members of this Assembly be named
as delegates to the Continental Congress to be held
in Philadelphia in September."
- 32.(12) Unable to shut off the debate and prevent the election
of the delegates, the Tory members resolve to leave
the meeting.
- 33.(8) "That door will not be opened till the business of
this meeting is finished!"
- 34.(3) "I am ill -- I must have air."
- 35.(12) (Fade in)
The governor's headquarters had been established in
Salem for the session of the Assembly.
(Fade out)
- 36.(6) General Thomas Gage, now Royal Governor of Massachusetts.
- 37.(11) "Curse that trickster Adams! He is responsible for nine-
tenths of the trouble in this province!"

- 38.(4) "Draw up an order dissolving the Assembly."
- 39.(4) "Open! Open! In the King's name."
- 40.(11) "I bring orders from General Gage to dissolve this Assembly. Anything it may do will be illegal."
- 41.(8) "That door will not be opened till all the business of this meeting is finished."
- 42.(15) "They've elected that demagogue, Sam Adams, and four other delegates to the proposed Congress in Philadelphia."
- 43.(13) "They've voted relief for their fellow rebels in Boston and dared to assess the people for what they call 'necessary expenses'."
- 44.(5) (Fade in)
Many towns make warlike preparations.
(fade out)
- 45.(17) (Fade in)
Lexington, eleven miles away, sent word:
"We shall be ready to sacrifice everything dear in life, year, even life itself, in support of the common cause."
(Fade out)
- 46.(18) (Fade in)
"When magazines were forming for the declared purpose of levying war against the King, it was my duty to prevent the calamities of civil war by destroying such magazines."
General Gage
(fade out)
- 47.(5) Lieutenant Colonel Smith
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- 48.(3) Major John Pitcairn
- 49.(3) Earl Percy
- 50.(10) "The rebel leaders, Hancock and Sam Adams, are in Lexington. I have dispatched officers to seize them."
- 51.(9) "Move your troops at night, by water, and take the road that leads from the Cambridge shore."
- 52.(4) Map of Boston, Lexington and Concord
- 53.(16) "We do not wish to strike first if that can possibly be avoided; but the military stores at Lexington and Concord must be taken and destroyed."

- 54.(16) (Fade in)
Dr. Warren, head of the committee of Safety, informed
by spies of Gage's plans, sent two messengers, by
different roads, to warn the countryside.
(Fade out)
- 55.(8) (Fade in)
William Dawes, Jr., left Boston by the longer route
at nine p.m.
(Fade out)
- 56.(16) "The British are marching to Lexington and Concord
to seize Hancock, Adams and the military stores.
Ride out and rouse the country!"
- 57.(16) (Fade in)
Paul Revere, the second rider, came at midnight
to the Parson Clark house at Lexington, where Adams
and Hancock were staying.
(Fade out)
- 58.(7) (fade in)
Two hours later, Adams and Hancock escape in
safety.
(Fade out)
- 59.(16) (fade in)
After hours of waiting and false alarms, word
comes to Lexington, just at dawn, that the
British are approaching.
(Fade out)
- 60.(7) Captain John Parker, commanding the little band
of patriots.
- 61.(11) THE EVE OF THE REVOLUTION
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- 62.(11) THE EVE OF THE REVOLUTION
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- 63.(7) "Lay down your arms and disperse, ye damned rebels!"
- 64.(5) The royal forces, obedient to their orders, proceed -
- 65.(22) (Superimpose on scene of Lexington Green, the quotation
from title 45:)
"We shall be ready to sacrifice everything dear in life,
yea, even life itself, in support of the common cause."

- 66.(11) (Fade in)
By seven o'clock the reunited British forces under
Lieutenant Colonel Smith were in Concord.
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(Fade out)
- 67.(8) Detachments march to the North and South bridges in
search of military stores.
- 68.(10) Meantime, men from Concord and the neighboring towns
are assembling on the opposite side of the river.
- 69.(20) (Fade in)
After waiting vainly for expected reinforcements,
the British began a disastrous retreat, harassed by
the colonials, who were constantly reinforced from
outlying towns.
(Fade out)
- 70.(7) British reinforcements under Earl Percy at last
reach Lexington.
- 71.(9) (Fade in)
Percy disposes his troops to receive and protect
their comrades.
(Fade out)
- 72.(16) Blood had been shed. America had taken the first
step in her fight for independence - a fight that
was to last eight long years and end in the birth
of a new nation.
- 73.(3) (Fade in)
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